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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {**Lead**}
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Request for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Requirement;
CONOWINGO PROJECT; FERC No. 405-064; Harford and Cecil Counties,
Maryland; and York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania
(**ER 05/735**)(Agency due date: **September 16, 2006**)

PLEASE EXPEDITE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has requested the Department to review the notice on the subject project. The document was issued on August 17, 2005 and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" **Link.**

Please review this application from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments **by September 6, 2005 to: FWS Field Supervisor, Chesapeake Bay Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401 (tel: 410-573-4573).** If your bureau wishes to intervene, please follow the instructions in Environmental Review Memorandum ERM 99-2.
INTERVENTIONS ARE DUE BY September 16, 2005.

The Chesapeake Bay Field Office, FWS, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Philadelphia, PA by **September 12, 2005.**

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the REO.
Previous reviews are under ER 01/722 and 03/998.

/s/ 08/22/05

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